



JERUSALEM ROTARY CLUB (District 2490)

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TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Our own Club member Rotarian Jacques Ungar-Garupi will speak on " Being a news correspondent in the Middle East"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 7: No meeting, Hol Hamoed Pessah

April 14: Indian Ambassador Raminder Singh Jassal will speak on " Israel-India relations "

April 21: Professor Eli Pollak, Chairman of "Israel's Media Watch" *Lada'at* Topic" The struggle for a fair and ethical media in Israel".

Media Watch Website:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2527/listnouv.htm>



OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION

The 36TH ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
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CALL FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Club Program Chair, Jean-Michel Rykner asks all Rotarians to suggest Guest Speakers for our weekly programs. Please contact him at JMR@workmail.com

Announcements – March 24, 2004 – President Don Shrensky:

- The Rotary Club of Hereford, England (District 1100) toasted our Club on February 23rd.
- DG Irene Lewitt will be attending the upcoming Rotary International Convention in Osaka. Our Club Board will have the honor OF appointing Irene as a voting delegate representing our Club there on May 23-26.
- The 2004 District Convention will be held on Thursday and Friday June 3rd and 4th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem. This will be the first time in 10 years the Convention will be held here. All members will be asked to Lend a Hand to make this a successful event.
- Our Club Changeover Dinner will be held on the Rooftop of President Don and Joan Shrensky on Wednesday June 30th.
- On Friday May 7th the District is holding a family picnic in Benyamina.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

P/P Georges Baum asked us to raise a toast to the Rotary Club Sopot-Gdynia (Gdansk, Poland) of District 2230 in honor of Poland's National Day on May 3rd. The Club was established in 1993 and has 50 members. They meet on Mondays at 1800 at the Hotel Marina. *NA ZDROWIE* [Polish Toast meaning "Here's to your health."]

FOUNDATION GREETINGS

Art Braunstein gave hearty birthday greeting to Ophra Baum on March 7th ...HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

The Club encourages all members to consider making charitable contributions to the Club Rotary Foundation on special occasions and upon returning from trips aboard. This support is used for high school scholarships (see pages 3-4)

P/P Moshe Raz – Marathoner



Our own P/P Moshe Raz ran yet another successful Jerusalem Half Marathon coming in first in his age category (73 plus) this month. An amazing achievement.

Keep it up Moshe – We are proud of you!

INVOCATION

P/P Felix Jaffe gave the weekly *Passuk*– “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.”

KOHELET (Ecclesiastes) Chapter 1 Verse 14

Week # 37- 2004 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY:
36 Years of Rotary Foundation Service in Jerusalem

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TO OUR

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FUTURE

OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION HISTORY

The Jerusalem Rotary Foundation was formally established in 1968. It awards scholarships to high school students of all religions from poor Jerusalem families, who are studying "hi-tech" subjects. The students are selected from participating schools on the basis of their scholastic record and recommendations from their teachers.

The aim of the program is to encourage bright students to remain in school and to resist the temptation of going into the job market before they further develop their knowledge and skills.

Over the past 34 years the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation has helped over 2,000 of the cities brightest youngsters from poor families to make their way in life and contribute to the community to which they belong.

Total Contributions to the Lucien Harris fund this year 15, 686 NIS

Contributors: Jose Metzger (twice), Len Wilson, Moshe Raz, Auri Spigelman (twice), Abraham Taubehouse (twice), Ruth Moser, Benad Avital, Sandi Darmon, Bob Engelsman, Bernice Beare-Rosenberg, Jacque Ungar, Amram Miller, Shlomo Khayat, Don Edelstein, Rafi Aldor, Yossi Cassuto,, Shalom Doron, Richard Fain, Don Shrensky, Yiftach Harris, David Zohar, Oded Eliashar, Mark Zober and Marilyn Farber, and our own Rotary Club of Jerusalem

Lucien Harris Fund (included in the above amount) 4, 560 NIS

On behalf of all the beneficiaries of your generosity, thank you for lending a hand!

SPECIAL ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The distribution of Jerusalem Rotary Club scholarships last Wednesday, was an event that made all of us proud to be Rotarians. I want to thank all of you for the splendid showing of cooperation and support that helped to make the event the success that it was.

68 high-tech students from nine Jerusalem high schools received monetary grants from our Foundation. 67 of them received NIS 500 each, and one student, the second Lucien Harris Scholar, received NIS 1500.

Students, their parents and teachers, guests, and Rotarians filled the beautiful YMCA Auditorium. With the symbolic ringing of our Rotary bell (whose use was explained by Yossi Eisenberg), the proceedings began. P/P Werner Loyal filled in at the last moment as guest speaker and managed to give a polished and informative presentation about Rotary. One of the students played a short, lovely piece on the piano and then the regular scholarships were given out.

The highlight of the ceremony occurred when Yossi read out the names of the nine candidates for the Lucien Harris award. The students all stood to receive the applause and recognition from the audience as Yossi explained the criteria for this special scholarship. And Finally Yossi called out the name of Tekla Havtu, from the Genogli School, a new immigrant from Ethiopia, who became the second Lucien Harris Fellow.

Tekla is a young man who, despite his difficulties with Hebrew and the problems caused by unemployed parents trying to establish themselves and their family in a new culture, managed to be at the head of his class scholastically. He managed to always be available to help his "community" - his classmates. Tekla was accompanied to the ceremony by his grandmother and it was a moving moment to see him explaining the honor he had received to her.

Special thanks are due to Yossi Eisenberg who was responsible for being in touch with the schools and for sitting on the selection committee which chose the 68 students from over 150 applications. He also sat with the group who selected the Lucien Harris Fellow. Yossi was the Master of Ceremonies for the distribution itself, and the moving force behind the dignity of the program.

Thanks also to P/P Yossi Cassuto who also sits on the selection committee, and who had agreed to be our speaker. However, for medical reasons had to cancel, and yet he still managed to be present. Thanks also to Aviva Lee, who took charge of getting all our Rotarian ushers in place.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, thank you all for making Rotary known to everyone who attended and for making our student recipients feel really proud and special.

- P/P Ruth Harris, PHF, Chairperson of the Jerusalem Rotary Foundation

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